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In Washington on Wednesday, members of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee moved to prevent Gov. Rod Blagojevich from having any role in the distribution of federal economic stimulus funds. U.S. Reps. Mark Kirk, a Republican, and Bill Foster, a Democrat, attached an amendment to the stimulus plan requiring that Illinois' share of dollars be distributed by the state legislature until Blagojevich no longer holds office.